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PM Modi lays foundation for Railway projects worth over Rs. 41,000 crore

12 Stations in Mysuru Division to be Amrit Bharat Stations

Total project cost Rs. 367.24 crore; MP Prathap Simha unveils plaque of RUB at Dadadahalli

The Dadadahalli Road Under Bridge (RUB) constructed between Ashokapuram and Kadakola Railway Stations that was virtually inaugurated by PM Modi this morning. Picture right shows Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha unveiling the plaque at Dadadahalli.

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (RK&BCT)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the re-development of 554 Railway Stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme and 1,500 Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges worth over Rs. 41,000 crore via video conferencing from Delhi this morning.

Modi virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various Railway development projects worth Rs. 367.24 crore of Mysuru Division. These include redevelopment of 12 Railway Stations in South Western Railway (SWR) Mysuru Division under the Scheme. The PM also inaugurated Dadadahalli Road Under Bridge (RUB) constructed between Ashokapuram and Kadakola Railway Stations at Sindhuvalli, Mysuru District.

'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' envisions transforming Railway Stations into vibrant city centres, fostering connectivity within cities and across regions. It involves creating master plans for stations and gradually implementing them to enhance facilities, going beyond basic amenities. The scheme includes the development of roof plazas and city centres at stations, alongside upgrading and replacing existing facilities to meet modern standards.

Apart from Dadadahalli RUB, PM Modi also dedicated seven other RUBs and four Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) in Mysuru Division which were constructed at a cost of Rs. 63.9 crore. The modernisation of Railway Stations includes construction of toilets, installation of lifts, rest rooms for passengers, foot over bridges and other facilities in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagalur, Chitradurga, Shivamogga, Tumakuru and Hassan.

In his address, PM Modi said, "Today, the foundation stone of more than 2,000 projects related to Railways has been laid and inaugurated. The third term of this government is going to start from June but the scale and speed with which work has been started is surprising everyone.

"Today's programme is a symbol of new India's new work culture. Whatever India does today, it does it with an amazing speed and at an amazing scale. India has now stopped dreaming small. We see big dreams and work hard to fulfil them," PM Modi noted.

"The Railway Budget used to be around Rs. 45,000 crore when we were the 11th largest economy of the world 10 years ago. Now, when we have become the fifth largest economy, our Railway Budget stands at over Rs. 2.5 lakh crore. Think what will happen when we become the third largest economy. That's why I am working hard to make India the third largest world economy," the PM added.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, South Western Railway Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager Shilpi Agarwal and others were present. **[MP on Kodagu Rail Line: See Page - 7]**

Leopard Task Force rescues 77 felines, 14 cubs in one year

Active response to 934 complaints in five districts; 58-member team equipped with modern gadgets

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Feb. 26- In an endeavour to conserve leopard population in Mysuru region, a ground-breaking effort has been undertaken, exceeding expectations.

In a series of five instances, a total of 14 cubs, including a rare black-coloured cub, were successfully reunited with their mothers, leading to the rescue of 77 leopards within a year. These efforts culminated in the release of the rescued leopards into forest areas, a commendable achievement deserving recognition.

CALL HELPLINE 94819-96026

To facilitate reporting of leopard sightings and incidents, Forest Department has established a helpline: 94819-96026. When complaining, the complainant needs to provide accurate location details, enabling LTF personnel to respond promptly to the situation.

Amidst the surge in leopard-related incidents, particularly in Mysuru district, where three lives were lost to these big cats in T. Narasipur taluk alone from October 2022 to January 2023, the State Government took decisive action. In February last year, recognising the urgency of the situation, the Government established the Leopard Task Force (LTF) to address the growing menace.

The LTF's mandate extended beyond Mysuru, encompassing Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Shivamogga and Hassan, where it conducted rescue operations.

(See LEOPARD on page 6)

'Ranger Chinnappa' passes away at 84

Madikeri, Feb. 26 (PS, MTY& BCT)- Retired Forest Ranger Kotrangada M. Chinnappa, fondly known as 'Ranger Chinnappa,' a resident of Kumatoor Village at Srimangala in South Kodagu, passed away at 11.50 am today. He was 84 and was serving as the President of Wildlife First. Family sources said that the last rites will be held tomorrow.

Profile: Born in 1941 to a family with a military background, K.M. Chinnappa embodied the spirit of wildlife conservation. Joining the Karnataka Forest Department as a Forester in 1967, Chinnappa dedicated himself to protecting the forests and wildlife of the region. Much of his illustrious career was spent as a Ranger in Nagarahole, where he gained popularity for his unwavering commitment to upholding the law.

(See CHINNAPPA on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 26th February 2024

Lecture on health care for senior citizens on Mar. 4

Mysuru, Feb. 26 - As part of the monthly series of lectures on health and human care for senior citizens, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, has invited Dr. H.N. Gopalakrishna, Retired Professor of Pharmacology, as the guest speaker for March.

Dr. Gopalakrishna

He will conduct an awareness-cum-interaction on 'Cautious approach required on administration of medicines' particularly for senior citizens, to avoid any adverse effects.

Dr. Gopalakrishna has worked at Kasturba Medical College and A.J. Institute of Medical College, Mangaluru.

Dr. H.M. Nagaraju, President of the Council, will preside over the lecture programme to be held on Mar. 4 (Monday) at 5 pm at the Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Elder Citizens Council premises, Jayalakshmipuram.

Health talk for senior citizens is generally conducted by the Council on every first Monday of every month.

For details contact K.S. Krishna, Council Secretary, on Mob: 99804-12406, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Seventy-five years after the constitutional guarantees under Article 24 that prohibit hazardous child labour and nearly two decades of the Right To Education, children are still denied these fundamental rights. At the last count, there were over 10 million child labourers and 43 million children who were denied the right to an education.

In the heart of the National Capital Region, thousands of us are consciously oblivious to the plight of these children who face cruelty in homes, on roads, in sweatshops, farms and factories. We walk past them even as the number of child labourers continues to rise.

Newspapers frequently expose the atrocities and the appalling conditions faced by children employed as domestic workers. They are often abused physically and sexually, starved, tortured and stripped of their fundamental rights. They are trafficked from remote villages to cities and towns to cater to the growing greed of the middle class for cheap labour and products.

Compelled by poverty and vulnerability, parents often supply children to traffickers, but child labour thrives not because of poverty or helplessness but because of the State's failure to ensure education and social security. Parents have no choice, but only the pressure of poverty that drives them to send their children to traffickers who promise them a life without hunger and suffering.

To eliminate child labour, we need to ensure that all children have access to education till the age of 18, protect and rescue them from exploitation, rehabilitate them with social and skill-based support, prosecute and convict the employers and traffickers, recover and pay the unpaid wages and penalties, and ban child labour in the government's supply chains. — Bhuwan Ribhu in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

South Korea's rapping grandmothers

Seoul: Suni and the Seven Princesses is a popular rap group made up of South Korean grannies in the 70s and 80s trying to take the entertainment industry by storm.

A group of elderly women from rural Chilgok, a county in South Korea's North Gyeongsang province, is making international headlines for their meteoric rise as rappers. Suni and the Seven Princesses only debuted in August of last year, but the unusual rap group is now known all over the world. It makes sense if you think about it. After all, it's not every day that you see a bunch of grandmother wearing baggy clothes and chains around their necks, and rapping about their rural lifestyle, especially in rural South Korea.

Man pays to get his legs cut for insurance

Missouri: A Missouri man allegedly tried to commit insurance fraud by paying someone to cut off both his legs and stage a tractor accident to cover it up.

The Howell County Sheriff's Office recently investigated the most bizarre case in its history. In November last year, a 60-year-old man from Willow Springs lost both his legs after allegedly suffering a brush hog accident. However, there were a few holes in the man's story. First of all, he had literally lost his legs, as in they were nowhere to be found, which was bizarre for this type of accident. Then there was the fact that the man's wounds were too clean to have been caused by a brush hog. And finally, the man was a known paraplegic, which raised questions about how he had managed to find his way in the way of a tractor-operated brush hog.

As the investigation continued and more holes appeared in the injured man's story, Police discovered that a Florida man had visited the victim with a hatchet and allegedly chopped off his legs, for a fee.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Hernias can develop due to factors such as muscle weakness,strain or pressure on the abdominal wall (e.g. heavy weight lifting,persistant coughing),pregnancy, obesity,chronic constipation and previous surgical incisions

By Dr. Vasudeva Pai H - Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Free home visit for hearing screening of elders in city

Mysuru, Feb. 26- All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, is organising a free home visit hearing screening for people above 65 years who require bed-side testing between Feb.27 and Mar.3.

This programme is held in commemoration of World Hearing Day (WHD) on Mar. 3 every year with the theme "Changing mindsets: Let's make ear and hearing care a reality for all."

The expert team will be available at the doors of the elderly individuals with hearing loss who are unable to walk on their own and avail the services for hearing related problems.

Citizens of Mysuru can avail the facility by calling Ph: 0821-2502281 or Mob: 99023-28819 or e-mail: *aiishaudiology@aiishmysore.in*, according to a press release from A.R. Keerthi, PRO, AIISH, Mysuru.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **90.40 feet**	Today's level **2,270.29 feet**	Today's level **2,830.92 feet**
Last year's level **109.76 feet**	Last year's level **2,268.58 feet**	Last year's level **2,828.37 feet**
Yesterday's level **90.48 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,270.38 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.95 feet**
Today's Inflow **279 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **53 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **207 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **755 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *The chirps a cricket makes can help us to determine the temperature.*
- *The Indian subcontinent is the largest in the world comprising Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, the Maldives and Sri Lanka.*
- *The hippopotamus can run faster than human beings.*
- *An octopus has nine brains and blue blood.*
- *Even if a cockroach loses its head, it can still remain alive for a week.*
- *Lizards and salamanders can regrow their limbs and tails.*
- *An earthworm is both male and female.*
- *The tongue of a chameleon is as long as its body or more.*
- *A male ostrich is capable of roaring like a lion.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A teacher gave her class a maths problem involving a leaking tap. She noticed that one student had written a number that seemed quite senseless. "What does this number mean?" she asked. "Maam," answered the student, "It's the telephone number of our plumber"!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 82.88**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 105.01**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.56**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 89.77**

VOICE OF THE READER

Will service roads be free from dumping garbage and debris?

Sir,

This is further to concerns raised by many in this column. We, the residents of Bank Employees Colony, Bogadi, are facing the problem of garbage and debris being dumped on both sides of service roads along the Ring Road *(see photo)*.

Though arrangement has been made by local authorities to clear garbage, the habit of dumping on road side continues and building debris are still found in abundance with banned plastic covers spread all over. It's the educated lot who keep dumping during night time.

We fail to understand when the City Corporation is picking up garbage at doorstep in all localities of city, why are the people dumping garbage on service roads? It is painful to see cows eating these hazardous plastic covers.

Most residents of localities along the Ring Road use this service road for walking but have to experience stinking smell around. The covers of drains are missing at many places and the gap which is posing life threat, is also used for dumping garbage.

Though the same is reported in this forum many times, the authorities have ignored this health hazard and cleanliness in service road, which also drags down our ranking as clean city under Swachh Survekshan.

We once again request the authorities concerned to get the same cleared and take strict action against those dumping both garbage and building debris.

It is high time that strict preventive action is initiated like installing CCTV cameras at prominent places to monitor such dumping and regular maintenance of service roads by clearing portion of sand / garbage/ debris.

I also request the elected representatives to take a detour of the service roads and check the condition of surroundings, along Ring Road. Mysuru can well be a smart city, only if it is free of garbage and debris on its roads.

—K.V. Shridharan
Bogadi
18.2.2024

Learnt lessons from mistakes of Chandrayaan-2: ISRO Scientist

Mysuru, Feb.26 (PM&DM)- Senior ISRO Scientist from Bengaluru, Nandini Harinath, said that the lessons learnt from the mistakes of Chandrayaan-2 Mission helped in the success of Chandrayaan-3.

She was delivering a talk on "Chandrayaan-3: An insight" as part of Thathaiah Memorial lecture series at Thathaiah Anathalaya on Narayana Shastri road here yesterday.

Pointing out that every scientist of ISRO has his/ her own responsibility as the country was spending crores of rupees on Chandrayaan and other space missions, Nandini said the photographs of the moon's surface captured in the earlier projects, was key for the success of Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

"Persistent efforts and intelligence is the secret behind the success of ISRO's missions. Only NASA of America has the rockets that have the capacity to go directly to Mars. But India showed its shrewdness in Mars mission which was a big success," she noted.

Maintaining that ISRO has grown step by step in its decades of existence, the senior ISRO Scientist said that earlier, the Satellites were only capable of taking pictures of objects that were 1-km in size. But now technology has grown so much that Satellites can identify and take pictures of objects as small as 25 cms, she said adding that space research is increasingly becoming useful for human development.

Continuing, she said that our satellites used to go to 500 kms of earth's orbit but now the satellites can reach upto 36,000 kms. Subsequently, the satellites have entered the Mars orbit. Now, ISRO's Aditya project is becoming a milestone, she said.

The Anathalaya President C.V. Gopinath, who is also a retired Additional Secretary of the Government of India, said that M. Venkatakrishnaiah, who was popularly known as Thathaiah established the Anathalaya. Stating that Thathaiah worked for empowerment of women, he said that the Anathalaya has a history of over 130 years.

Pointing out that children used to fondly call Venkatakrishnaiah as Thathaiah, Gopinath said that Thathaiah memorial lecture series was started in 2023.

Nandini Harinath and her husband Harinath, also an ISRO scientist, were feted on the occasion. Anathalaya Vice-President N.V. Dinesh, Secretary H. Ashwathnarayan, member Dr. S. Murali, who is also the President of the city's Maharaja Institute of Technology and others were present at the programme.

Sericulture Professor bags "Research Excellence Award 2023"

Dr. Umakanth

Mysuru, Feb. 26 - Dr. R.S. Umakanth, Associate Professor, Department of Sericulture Science, University of Mysore, has received the prestigious "Research Excellence Award 2023" for his commendable contributions to research and teaching in the field of "Biochemical Genetics of Silkworm and Breeding."

The award was presented to him at the "3rd Biotic Science Congress (BioSCon 23) and International Conference on Advancement in Plant Health Research - Retrospect and Prospect" held during December 2023 at Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan, West Bengal by Society for Biotic and Environmental Research (SBER), Tripura.

The award carries a memento and a Certificate of Appreciation. Presently Dr. Umakanth is serving as Director of Information and Communication Division (ICD), Co-ordinator of e-procurement cell and Nodal Officer in the Examination Branch, University of Mysore.

State Legislature Session extended till Wednesday

Bengaluru, Feb.26 (KMS&DM)- Following the death of Surpur Congress MLA Raja Venkatappa Nayaka, the ongoing State Legislature Session has been extended till Wednesday.

The Budget session was to conclude on Feb.23. But due to indisposition of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the session was extended till Feb.26. Now, the session has been extended till Wednesday (Feb.28), following the demise of sitting Congress MLA from Surpur in Yadgir district Raja Venkatappa Nayaka, in Bengaluru on Sunday following brief illness. However, there will be no session tomorrow (Feb.27) on account of Rajya Sabha polls for four seats from the State, the results of which will be announced later in the evening tomorrow.

New team of Kodagu Gowda Samaja

Mysuru, Feb. 26- The Annual General Body Meeting of Kodagu Gowda Samaja, Mysuru, was held at its premises in Railway Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in city recently. Samaja President Thotambylu Manohar presided.

On the occasion, the following were unanimously elected as office-bearers for a period of two years 2023-24 and 2024-25:

Kombarana Basappa was elected as President, Kudupaje Dr. Chandrashekar as Vice-President, Ponnetti Nanda as Hon. Secretary, Nadumane S. Chengappa as Joint Secretary, Naduvatteera G. Lakshmana as Treasurer; Pattada Shivakumar, Hosur G. Raghava, Kuntupuni Sheela Seethamma, Kombarana Subbaiah, Kuntupuni Ramesh, Panathale Vasantha and Thotambylu Indira as Directors.

Second PU exam from Mar. 1 & SSLC exam from Mar. 25

Bengaluru, Feb. 26 (KMS& DM)- The Time Table for the SSLC and Second PUC Karnataka Board Exams has been released, according to which the second PU exams (2023-24) will be held from Mar. 1 to 22 and SSLC (2023-24) from Mar. 25 to Apr. 6.

Announcing the official time table at Bengaluru recently, Minister of School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa said that the dress code for the exam will be as per the directions of the Court. He pointed out that the SSLC exam will be held from Mar. 25 to Apr. 6 and second PUC from Mar. 1 to 22.

Stating that as many as 8,96,271 students have registered for SSLC and 6,98,624 students for second PUC, the Minister said a total of 2,741 centres across the State would be set up for the exams.

Pointing out that there will be 20 Internal Assessment marks in each subject, SSLC and the PUC exams will be held as per the 80-20 formula (Exam paper of 80 marks and 20 marks for Internal Assessment) just like last year, Madhu Bangarappa said that the results of both the Exams are likely to be declared at the end of April.

SSLC EXAM TIME-TABLE

Mar. 25	First Language Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, English (NCERT) and Sanskrit.
Mar. 27	Social Science.
Mar. 30	Science, Political Science, Hindustani music and Karnatak music.
Apr. 2	Mathematics and Sociology.
Apr. 3	Elements of Electrical Engineering IV, Elements of Mechanical Engineering-2, Elements of Mechanical Engineering – IV, Engineering Graphics-2, Elements of Electronics Engineering-IV, Elements of Electronics Engineering, Programming in ANSI 'C', Elements of Computer Science and Economics.
Apr. 4	Third Language Hindi, Kannada, English, Persian, Arabic, Tulu, Urdu, Sanskrit and Konkani
Apr. 6	Second Language English and Kannada.

SECOND PUC EXAM TIME-TABLE

Mar. 1	Kannada and Arabic.
Mar. 4	Mathematics and Education.
Mar. 5	Political Science and Statistics.
Mar. 6	Information and Technology, Retail, Automobile, Health Care, Beauty and Wellness.
Mar. 7	History and Physics.
Mar. 9	Optional Kannada, Accountancy, Geology & Home Science.
Mar. 11	Logic and Business Studies.
Mar. 13	English.
Mar. 15	Hindustani music, Psychology, Chemistry & Basic Maths.
Mar. 16	Economics.
Mar. 18	Geography and Biology.
Mar. 20	Sociology, Electronics and Computer Science.
Mar. 21	Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Urdu, Sanskrit and French.
Mar. 22	Hindi

Police to keep a hawk-eye on rowdy elements

Home Minister Dr. Parameshwara assures safety of citizens

Bengaluru, Feb. 26 (KMS& VNS)- The Police Department is capable of ensuring safety of every citizens, said Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara.

Replying to a question of MLC Nagaraj Yadav during the Question Hour in the Legislative Council recently, Dr. Parameshwara said: "Police were keeping a hawk-eye on rowdy elements, apart from conducting regular raids once in three to four months on them."

Stating that action would be initiated against those violating the law, the Home Minister said that Police had seized pistols, lethal weapons among others during the recent raids and added that the Police have been instructed to keep a watch on history-sheeters in their respective Police Station limits.

7,500 CCTV cameras

Dr. Parameshwara also informed the House that a total of 7,500 CCTV cameras at a cost of Rs. 655 crore have been installed in various parts of the city and a City Command Control Room was also opened to keep a round-the-clock vigil on sensitive and hyper sensitive areas in the city. He added that, instructions will be passed to respective Police Stations through the Command Room on identifying faulty cameras.

Safety Islands

The Bengaluru City Police have also installed 'Safety Islands' in various locations to help public inform the Police about various crimes including assaults, robbery, chain snatching and other emergencies.

Dr. Parameshwara

On pressing SOS button, the jurisdictional Police will reach the spot within 5 minutes which helps in controlling the crime rate and bringing the culprits to book, said Dr. Parameshwara.

He also said that, first ever Cyber Crime Police Station in the country had been set up in Bengaluru and added that the victims of cyber crimes were allowed to file complaint at any of the Police Station compared to earlier norm of filing complaints only in the designated Police Stations.

Dr. Parameshwara also mentioned that the Hoysala Squad has been specially trained to handle cyber crimes. He also added that 112-Helpline number is launched for the public to inform about untoward incidents which would help the Police to act swiftly to nab the culprits.

Thyroid detection camp on Feb. 29

Mysuru, Feb. 26- CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital has organised a free thyroid detection camp at its premises in Mandi Mohalla on Feb. 29 from 10.30 am to 4 pm.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-4007000 or Mob: 76764-85412 or 92415-87565.

'District Education Department striving to improve performance in SSLC exams'

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (GA&TRR)- State SSLC Examination Board has announced the dates for the current year's examinations. The exams will begin from March 25 and end on April 6. Following this, the Education Department is working hard to improve the district's performance and improve the standings in the SSLC result from the last year's 16th position to be among the top 5 districts in the State.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, DDPI H.K. Pandu said, "A total of 40,333 students from the district are appearing for the SSLC examinations. Of these, we have identified 5,198 students who are weak in their studies, based on their previous performances, and training them. By interacting regularly with various school headmasters and headmistress and subject teachers which had recorded below par results in last year's examination at both district and taluk level, we are guiding them to improve their performance this year."

Stating that a taluk level resource team with subject experts in Kannada, Mathematics, English, Hindi, Social Science and Science had been formed, Pandu said that the team was visiting schools with low results and interacting with teachers to improve the performance.

"Based on the inputs from schools, the department has classified 40,333 students as distinction students (1,893), first class students (26,000), second class (8,000) and third class & likely to fail students (5,393). Block Education Officers (BEOs) are focusing on the last category of students and are working to ensure majority of them pass out successfully in the forthcoming exams," added the DDPI.

Maintaining that the resource team had prepared model question papers for the benefit of the students, Pandu said, "A question and answer model papers is given to students to enable them score a minimum of 40 marks in the public examination. The department is also visiting the houses of weak students to inform their parents about the student's expected performance. Students who are travelling from distant places are being given accommodation in student hostels to prepare for the all important examination. This has benefited many students."

"Zoom meetings are also being held with all government and aided school heads dedicating two hours to each school to guide them to prepare students for the examination. This apart, motivational speakers are also being invited to address the students in order to instil confidence to face the examination without fear," added H.K. Pandu.

Grahaka Panchayat appeals CM to revise stamp paper fee

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (DM)- Strongly opposing the recent steep hike in stamp paper fees, the Mysuru Unit of Akhila Bharatiya Grahaka Panchayat has appealed Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to roll back the stamp paper fee hike in the better interests of the common man.

Addressing a consumer meeting of the Panchayat at a private hotel in Chamundipuram here recently, Panchayat President C.S. Chandrashekar said, earlier the stamp paper was priced at Rs. 20, Rs. 50 and Rs. 100 for different types of Bonds such as sale agreement, rent agreement, Court affidavit, caste certificate etc. But now, this fee has been increased multi-fold to Rs. 100 and Rs. 500, which has become a huge financial burden for the common man. As such, the Govt. should roll back the hiked fee and continue with the previous fee, in the better interests of the common man, he said. A memorandum has been submitted to the CM in this regard, he added.

Panchayat office-bearers Vikram Iyengar, Dayanand, Apoorva Suresh, Ajay Shastri, Satish, Vijay Kumar, Nanjunda, Sarvamangala, Bhagyashri and others were present.

6th Convocation of JSS Science and Technology University held

Grow using new technologies, AICTE Chairman tells students

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (MK&DM)- As many as 1,663 students received degrees in their respective disciplines at the 6th Convocation of JSS Science and Technology University held at the JSS Technical Institutions complex in Manasagangothri here on Saturday.

Speaking as the chief guest at the Convocation, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Chairman Prof. T.G. Sitharam opined that there may be uncertainty of jobs in some sectors due to latest technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML). But fresh graduates and youths need not be disturbed over it and take it as a challenge to find new ways for achieving growth and stability in their professional careers, he said. Pointing out that there are ample opportunities in Coding, AI, Data Science, Robotics etc., Prof. Sitharam said that the AICTE has started new courses in these subjects that will enable students to learn them in an open atmosphere. The students should develop skills in keeping with the courses that they are learning, he added.

Continuing, he said " We have to come out of concerns that we will be losing something due to newer innovations. We should walk along with the latest technologies. At the same time, we have to accept new innovations and discoveries with an open mind. This will help us keep our learning attitude always alive."

Maintaining that India is soon going to become the world's third biggest economy, he said that new start-ups have been making giant strides towards achieving success. As such, our educational institutions should give prominence to promote innovations and skills, for which academic experts, students, investors, industry partners and all other stakeholders should join hands for making organised efforts in this regard, he pointed out.

As many as 1,060 BE, 47 BCA, 123 M.Tech, 117 MCA, 51 M.Sc, 256 MBA and 9 P.hD degrees were awarded to a total of 1,663 students. Also, 32 top ranking students were presented gold medals, while 31 other students were presented with various endowment awards on the occasion. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who is also the Chancellor of the University, graced the occasion.

University Vice-Chancellor Prof. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Registrar S.A. Dhanraj, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Technical Education Director B. Suresh and others were present.

I used stones, bricks hurled at me to build Jayadeva: Dr. C.N. Manjunath

Dr. C.N. Manjunath and his wife Dr. Anusuya Manjunath, who were felicitated are seen with former Mysore University VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Adichunchanagiri University VC Dr. M.A. Shekar, humourist Prof. M. Krishnegowda, Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadananda and others.

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (MTY&BS)- Former Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Dr. C.N. Manjunath, said that Jayadeva Hospital is catering health services to people like *Kamadhenu* (celestial cow) and *Kalpavruksha* (divine tree), with 500 percent progress to its credit in the last 18 years. "This should be in a perpetuating mode," he said.

The renowned cardiologist was speaking after receiving felicitation at Jayadeva Hospital on KRS Road in city on Saturday.

Reflecting on his tenure as Director of Jayadeva Hospital since 2006, Dr. Manjunath recounted the challenges he faced, stating, "It was not a bed of roses then, with some people throwing stones and bricks at me. However, I remained determined and instead used those same obstacles to build the behemoth institute that Jayadeva is now."

He shared his vision of providing five-star hotel-like treatment at the hospital and his ambition to elevate its standards to match those of private hospitals, which have now become a reality.

Dr. Manjunath also highlighted that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah himself has commended the functioning of Jayadeva Hospital, which has garnered national and international fame. The Chief Minister has urged other Government hospitals to take inspiration from Jayadeva's success story in maintaining high standards of healthcare, he added.

Reflecting on his involvement in the construction of Jayadeva Hospital in Mysuru, Dr. Manjunath expressed his dedication, stating, "I conducted inspection 73 times during its construction, overseeing it as if it was my own house. Providing excellent treatment requires more than just a building and equipment; it requires a genuine compassion for patients. Given the opportunity, we should serve the people to the best of our abilities. While I may have served as the Director of this Institute, I also took on the roles of an engineer and counsellor."

Dr. Manjunath emphasised the importance of maintaining warm relationships, by stating, "Positivity should be our guiding principle, but what truly matters is the warmth in our relationships. Genuine kindness holds more value than intelligence. We should be passionate about our work."

Reflecting on his retirement, he expressed confidence that criticisms will fade away while achievements will endure. He extended his gratitude to the Chief Minister and the hospital staff for their unwavering dedication and compassionate care towards patients, likening their service to treating patients with a motherly affection, akin to serving God.

Vice-Chancellor of Adichunchanagiri University Dr. M.A. Shekar, Dr. Anusuya Manjunath, Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, former VC of University of Mysore Prof. K.S. Rangappa, humourist Prof. M. Krishnegowda and Chikkathimmaiah also shared their views during the programme. Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadananda, Dr. Harsha Basappa, Dr. K. Santhosh, Dr. Veena Nanjappa, Dr. S. Hema, Dr. Madhu Prakash, Dr. Bharati, Dr. Vishwanath, Dr. Ashwini, Dr. Jayaprakash, Dr. Srinidhi S. Hegde, Dr. Rashmi, Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Dr. Pashupati, Nursing Superintendent Harish Kumar, PRO Vani and others were present.

Shab-e-Baraath celebrated in city

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (Afsar Pasha)- Muslim brethren celebrated Shab-e-Baraath by offering floral tributes to the graves of their near and dear ones and praying till late yesterday night in city.

After fasting the for the whole day yesterday, community people offered prayers at various mosques in city which were decorated with colourful lights and visited the burial grounds, where floral tributes were offered. Sir Khazi of Mysore Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Usman Shariff led the prayer at Umar Khan Mosque on B.N. Road at 9 pm. Narasimharaja (NR) Constituency MLA Tanveer Sait visited the burial grounds near Tipu Circle last night and paid floral tribute to the grave of his father late Azeez Sait.

Tahaffuz Khabarasthan Committee members Khurrath, Fiaz Pasha, Md. Mumtaz Ahmed, Suhail Baig, Sayeed and Fayaz Ahmed were present.

NR Police, led by Inspector Niranjan provided security.

Leopard Task Force rescues 77 felines

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The formation of the LTF was prompted by a Government Order dated Jan. 31, 2023, in response to the escalating leopard encounters in Mysuru Circle, covering areas such as Mysuru, Nanjangud, H.D. Kote, Sargur, T. Narasipur, Mandya, Pandavapura and Nagamangala.

A big team with a mandate

Comprising a 58-member team, including officers and personnel, the LTF was spearheaded by the Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF), Wildlife Division, Mysuru. This team included an Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF), a Range Forest Officer (RFO), four Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs), eight Patrolling Forest Guards, 40 LTF Assistants hired on an outsourced basis and five drivers.

Since its inception, the LTF has achieved remarkable success, rescuing a total of 77 leopards and ensuring their safe release into their natural habitat. Furthermore, the Task Force has demonstrated exceptional care by reuniting leopard cubs, discovered during sugarcane harvesting, with their mothers. In total, 14 leopard cubs, including a black-coloured cub, have been successfully reunited with their mothers in five separate instances.

The distribution of leopard rescues across various taluks reflects the widespread nature of the issue: 34 leopards rescued in Mysuru taluk, 18 in T. Narasipur taluk, 9 in H.D. Kote taluk, 5 in K.R. Nagar taluk, 2 in Nanjangud taluk, 1 in Hunsur taluk, 2 in Mandya taluk, 3 in K.R. Pet taluk and 1 each in Maddur, Pandavapura and Channapatna taluks.

934 complaints

A staggering 934 complaints have been lodged regarding leopard menace to date. Of these, 367 originated from Mysuru taluk, 135 from K.R. Nagar, 88 from T. Narasipur, 47 from Hunsur, 40 from H.D. Kote, and 14 from Periyapatna. In Mandya district, a total of 197 complaints were recorded, with 46 from K.R. Pet, 15 from Malavalli, 28 from Maddur, 64 from Pandavapura, 7 from Nagamangala, 30 from Mandya, 7 from Srirangapatna, 6 from Kollegal, 3 from Shivamogga and one from Hassan district.

Modern equipment

Equipped with an array of tools and resources, the LTF staff is well-prepared to address leopard encounters. They possess body protectors, shields, lathis, stretchers, nets, smart sticks, Pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras, GSM cameras, sensor-based cameras, microchip sensors, pen and cubs cages, drones, elevated stands, wildlife ambulances, bunker nets, tranquillising darts and guns, walkie-talkies, body-worn cameras, and other necessary equipment.

Timely response to mitigate human-leopard conflicts: DCF

Dr. K.N. Basavaraj, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), highlighted that stray dogs have become easy and favoured prey for leopards, contributing to their increased presence in both urban and rural areas. The rise in the stray dog population, particularly attracted to animal waste such as chicken and mutton scraps discarded in city and rural outskirts, has inadvertently drawn leopards into human habitats.

Dr.Basavaraj

To address this issue effectively, Dr. Basavaraj emphasised the importance of civic authorities in urban areas and Panchayat authorities in rural regions taking proactive steps to implement scientifically sound methods for the disposal of animal waste. By mitigating the availability of food sources for stray dogs, it's possible to reduce their population and consequently lessen the attraction for leopards to enter human settlements.

Despite these challenges, the Leopard Task Force (LTF) has made significant strides in leopard conservation efforts. With 77 leopards successfully rescued and released back into their natural habitat, including the heartwarming reunion of fourteen cubs with their mothers, the LTF has demonstrated its commitment to wildlife protection, he added.

Dr. Basavaraj assured prompt action upon receiving complaints, highlighting that LTF personnel are swiftly dispatched to address reported incidents, ensuring a timely response to mitigate human-leopard conflicts.

'Ranger Chinnappa' passes away at 84

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Chinnappa was confronted with rampant criminal activities plaguing the area, including timber smuggling, illicit drug cultivation, poaching and unauthorised brewing within the sanctuary. Determined to effect change, he embarked on a mission to restore order and safeguard natural habitats of wild animals.

Expansion of Nagarahole

Under Chinnappa's leadership, the population of endangered species such as tigers and deer, which had been dwindling dangerously low, experienced a remarkable resurgence. He tirelessly pursued encroachers, reclaimed forest land and oversaw the expansion of the sanctuary from its initial 250 sq.km to an impressive 653 sq.km.

However, his relentless pursuit of wildlife conservation made him a target for hostility. Chinnappa faced numerous threats to his life, narrowly escaping a violent attack in 1970.

Despite his dedication, he was unfairly labelled as a criminal and had to relinquish his licenced revolver. False accusations of murder further tarnished his reputation, leading to a harrowing ordeal in prison before being exonerated by the court of law.

In 1992, his newly constructed home in Kumatoor was set ablaze by an angry mob. Despite the adversities, Chinnappa persevered, ultimately resigning from his position in 1993. His contributions to wildlife conservation were recognised with the CM's Gold Medal in 1985, a testament to his unwavering commitment.

Continued service even after retirement

He received the Wildlife Conservation Society Certificate of Appreciation in 1988 and the Tiger Link Bagh Sevak Award in 1996. He has also received the ESSO and the Sanctuary Lifetime Achievement Awards in 2000 and 2006 respectively. In 2009, he was awarded the prestigious CNN-IBN Real Heroes Award. Chinnappa donated his entire prize money of Rs. 7.5 lakh from all these awards and recognitions to the cause of wildlife conservation.

Since retirement, Chinnappa trained more than 2,500 Forest protection staff in anti-poaching operations and fire protection. He continued to fight for protection of Nagarahole and other Reserves in the Western Ghats till his very end.

He reached more than 1,50,000 school children, teachers, rural youth and villagers with a strong wildlife conservation message through nature camps, slide shows, talks, rallies and interactions.

Book on legend

'*Kaadinolagondu Jeeva,*' a book based on first-hand experiences of Chinnappa is seeing its seventh edition in print. The book, written by T.S. Gopal, retired Principal of Srimangala Junior College, was published by Poornachandra Tejaswi Prakashana in 2000 and it was an instant hit. The 400-page book has 14 pages of colourful photos and has many stories and experiences of Chinnappa.

Khelo India Winter Games-2024

Kodagu girl wins three Gold Medals in skiing

Gulmarg (Jammu and Kashmir), Feb. 26 (Agencies) - Skier Bhavani Thekkada Nanjunda, a native of Napoklu in Kodagu district, won three gold medals in the 10-km Nordic ski competition, 1.6-km sprint and 5-km sprint events at the Khelo India Winter Games, which culminated yesterday.

Speaking to the media persons, Bhavani said, "It's all about pursuing your passion. We have no snow in Karnataka. I have to work harder than those who compete from the Himalayan States."

Bhavani is the daughter of Thekkada Nanjunda (Shambu) and Parvathi (Divya) of Perur village near Napoklu in Kodagu. While studying at Navodaya Vidyalaya, Bhavani joined NCC which paved way to groom her interest in adventure activities.

The fourth edition of Khelo India Winter Games 2024 was held at Leh & Gulmarg. The 1st Chapter of winter games 2024 — Ice Hockey & Ice Skating — was held at Leh and the second leg winter games 2024 involving Ski Mountaineering, Alpine Skiing, Snowboard and Nordic Skiing was held at Gulmarg from Feb. 21 to Feb. 25.

Having attended many NCC camps at school and college, Bhavani had participated in the Republic Day Parade in Delhi in 2016.

She was trained in mountaineering at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali and Himalaya Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling. She underwent skiing training in Gulmarg, Kashmir and further in New Zealand.

India wins Test Cricket series against England

Ranchi, Feb.26- India won the five-test home series against England winning the fourth test at Ranchi, by five wickets this afternoon, with a day to spare.

With this, India has taken an unbeatable 3-1 lead in the five test series, with one Test still to go.

India, who were set a target of 192 runs, resumed their overnight score of 40 for no loss. Though India's middle order fumbled in the run chase, Shubman Gill (52 n.o.) and Wicket-keeper batsman Dhruv Jurel (39 n.o.), the local lad, ensured India's victory with an unbeaten stand of 72 runs for the sixth wicket.

The fifth and final test, which is inconsequential, will be held at Dharamsala from Mar. 7.

Brief Scores: England — 353&145, India- 307 & 192/5.

Nominated as City Congress Minority Department Chairman

Former Corporator Suhail Baig, who has been nominated as the Chairman of Mysore City Congress Committee Minority Department according to the order issued by Jeenal N. Gala, National Coordinator, In-charge, All India Congress Committee Minority Department, New Delhi, on Feb. 21, 2024, called on MLA Tanveer Sait at the latter's residence in Udayagiri recently and sought his co-operation.

Kaveri 2.0 server glitch continues at Sub-Registrar Offices

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (RK&DM)- The Kaveri 2.0 software technical glitch at Sub-Registrar Offices across the city and district continued for the fifth day today, thus giving no respite for citizens who continued to visit the Sub-Registrar Offices across the city this morning in large numbers for property registration and other transactions.

Mysuru North Sub-Registrar Office at Mini Vidhana Soudha in Nazarbad.

The Kaveri 2.0 online services platform is managed by the Department of Stamps and Registration coming under the Revenue Department of the State Government. It provides a range of services related to property registration, document registration, marriage registration, stamp duty calculation etc.

In the city, there are five Sub-Registrar Offices — Mysuru East (Dr. Rajkumar Road in Teachers Layout), Mysuru West (near Vijayanagar Water Tank), Mysuru North (Mini Vidhana Soudha in Nazarbad), Mysuru South (Ramakrishnanagar) and at MUDA Office on JLB Road. Also, there are nine other Sub-Registrar Offices across the district (T. Narasipur, Bannur, Nanjangud, K.R. Nagar, Mirle, Periyapatna, Bettadapura, Hunsur and H.D. Kote).

With the Kaveri 2.0 portal server breaking down due to technical glitch, the citizens continue to face a lot of hardship as they have been visiting these Offices daily with the hope that their transactions would get done. But that is not to be, as the glitch continues, with no signs of getting over shortly.

The Kaveri 2.0, which is an upgraded version of Kaveri 1.0, was launched by the then Revenue Minister in the previous Basavaraj Bommai Government on Mar. 2, 2023, when the Minister had said that this new software will make sure the property registration completes in 10 minutes and the citizens will not have to wait at the Sub-Registrar Offices for hours for consistent follow up of their transactions.

But contrary to the Minister's statement, the Kaveri 2.0 software has hardly addressed the property registration problems that the people are facing, with frequent server breakdowns.

But less than a year after it was launched, the Kaveri 2.0 portal is frequently facing technical glitches and server breakdowns, which has left the portal service availing citizens frustrated.

The Kaveri 2.0 is a property registration online service portal, which facilitates registration of property buying and selling, contract agreements, donation agreements, general agreements, Will registration, property valuation services etc.

Even as the people continue to suffer, the Revenue Department officials have maintained a stoic silence on when the technical glitch issue will be appropriately addressed.

The officials are said to be not speaking up on the issue as they too have little information regarding the exact cause of the glitch.

Meanwhile, the breakdown of Kaveri 2.0 online portal services, which has occurred in almost all Sub-Registrar Offices across the State, has been causing a revenue loss of hundreds of crores of rupees to the Government every day. With the issue not addressed even after 5 days, the citizens are left wondering what the Government is doing to set right the portal as it is one of the important source of revenue to the State's exchequer.

Attempt to snatch land of dead person by forging documents

Assistant Commissioner lodges complaint against three persons

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (RK&KS)- Mysuru Assistant Commissioner (AC) K.R. Rakshit has lodged a complaint against three persons at NR Police Station for attempting to snatch the land of a dead person worth lakhs of rupees by forging documents.

The AC has lodged the complaint against M. Eshwaraiah, Ilyas Ahmed and Abubakar, all residents of Rajendranagar.

The AC, in his complaint on Jan. 22, has asked the Police to register criminal case and arrest the accused.

The complaint stated that the land measuring 0.14 guntas in Kesare Survey No. 609, belonged to Kullaiah, who had given the General Power of Attorney (GPA) of the land to M. Eshwaraiah. The GPA holder, in turn, had made a Sale Deed in the name of Ilyas Ahmed and Abubakar.

After getting the Sale Deed done, Ilyas and Abubakar had submitted an application seeking Khata and had also provided documents. While going through the documents, it was found that Eshwaraiah, the GPA holder of Kullaiah's land, had got the Sale Deed for 0.14 guntas land in Kesare Survey No. 609 done in the name of Ilyas and Abubakar and after going through the GPA documents, it came to be known that Kullaiah had given authority to Eshwaraiah to sell the land.

As there were a few corrections in the Family Tree of Kullaiah, the same was checked online and it came to be known that the Family Tree RD5018882464752 was only related to domicile letter confirmation and the Khata in the name of late Kullaiah with number RR3082 was done around 1930 and the GPA (188/2021-22) in other person's name was registered on 11.11.21.

The Assistant Commissioner, alleging that the documents were forged to snatch the land of late Kullaiah and Ilyas and Abubakar, had submitted an application to register Khata, has lodged the complaint.

Assistant Commissioner Rakshith has stated in his complaint that the two persons have submitted two Family Tree documents, one given by Pandavapura taluk Deputy Tahsildar Pramod L. Patil and the other given by Mysuru taluk Kasaba hobli Deputy Tahsildar K.S. Roopa, which are fake documents and hence cases be registered against the person who had registered in the name of Kullaiah, GPA holder Eshwaraiah and the two persons Ilyas Ahmed and Abubakar, arrest all the three persons and conduct a thorough investigation.

NR Police, who have received the complaint from AC Rakshith, are going through the documents and legal action will be initiated in a day or two.

Siddu Govt. must acquire land for Mysuru-Kodagu Rail Line: MP

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has said that the Railway line between Mysuru and Kodagu will be a reality if the State Government initiates the land acquisition process.

Prathap Simha

"We are ready with the Detailed Project Report and surveys have been completed. The Siddaramaiah Government must acquire land and hand it over to the Railways free of cost. I am sure that Siddaramaiah, being a native of Mysuru, will do this for his home district," he said, speaking to reporters this morning after PM Modi laid the foundation stone for a couple of Railway projects in the Mysuru Division.

On other infrastructure projects in Mysuru, the MP said, "The Centre has already allocated Rs. 42.14 crore for the Road Under Bridge (RUB) project near the Crawford Hall on the Kukkarahalli-Bogadi Road to alleviate traffic congestion. This project has been initiated at the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar level crossing 1."

"Similarly, a grant of Rs. 42.88 crore has been approved by the Centre for a Road Under Bridge on KRS Road near Royal Inn Junction, specifically targeting level crossing 5. We will begin the works in war-footing and will complete them," he said.

Karnataka devotees robbed of gold chains at Ayodhya

Cops nab gang of 16 robbers; 11 gold chains, 2 SUVs worth Rs. 21 lakh recovered

Ayodhya, Feb. 26- Uttar Pradesh Police have arrested a gang of 16 robbers who had robbed gold chains from Karnataka devotees and have recovered 11 gold chains and 2 SUVs all worth Rs. 21 lakh from them.

The gang, in the guise of tourists, used to rob devotees arriving at Sri Ram Temple at Ayodhya. Police said that the gang was not only active in Ayodhya but used to target devotees in Varnasi and Mathura. The gang members are said to be from various districts in Bihar.

On Feb. 10, the gang had robbed gold chains of devotees from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu at Ayodhya, following which a complaint was lodged at the jurisdictional Police Station.

Unidentified man run over by train

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (KS)- Mysuru Railway Police have found a body of an unidentified man who was run over by a moving train on Feb. 23 between Srirangapatna and Pandavapura Railway Stations. The Railway Cops have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

The deceased is aged about 35 years, 5.3 ft. tall, round faced, wheatish complexioned, has the name 'HEMA' tattooed in English on the side of his right palm, has yellow and red threads tied around his right wrist and was wearing a blue and red coloured checks readymade shirt, sky blue coloured round neck baniyan and red track pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Obituary

P.G. Shivashankar

Mysuru, Feb. 26- P.G. Shivashankar (74), a resident of D. Subbaiah Road in Chamaraja Mohalla, passed away this morning in city.

A bachelor, he leaves behind his brothers P.G. Sathyanaraya (Mysore District Athletic Association Secretary) and P.G. Chandrashekar (*Star of Mysore* Racing Correspondent) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

Chenanda G. Devakki

Chenanda G. Devakki (Mukkatira - Kadagadal), wife of C.B. Ganapathy and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning. She was 69. She leaves behind her husband, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening.

Dr. V. Nagarathnamma

Dr. V. Nagarathnamma, wife of P.S. Rajarathnam, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, sons Vijay Rathnam and Gopal Rathnam and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at 11 am at the foot of Chamundi Hill tomorrow (Feb. 27).

Eye care in every nook and corner of Mysuru

Mobile Eye Clinic Unit to cover Community Health Centres even in remote locations

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (GA&BCT)- A Mobile Eye Clinic Unit has arrived in Mysuru which will be conducting free eye screening camps in community health centres and distant villages of Mysuru district.

Previously, due to the unavailability of vehicles from the Health Department, screening was limited within the city limits. However, as part of the National Blindness Control Programme, the State Government has provided a Mobile Eye Clinic Unit to Mysuru district, enabling eye screening camps in the nine Community Health Centres (CHCs) and distant villages of the district.

The Mobile Eye Clinic Unit will travel on designated days to these nine CHCs located in Jayanagar, Mysuru city, Jayapura, Rural Mysuru, Hullahalli in Nanjangud, Talakad in T. Narasipur, Mooguru, Bannur and Saligrama in K.R. Nagar.

After conducting examinations, patients selected for surgeries will be referred to the Taluk Hospitals and District Hospitals for surgical intervention. After surgery, the patients will return to their respective places.

Monthly schedule

As per the schedule specified by the Health Department, in the first week of the month, the Mobile Eye Clinic Unit will operate from Monday to Thursday, serving Jayanagar and Jayapura, both urban and rural centres.

In the past, due to the unavailability of Health Department vehicles, screening was only conducted within the city limits. However, now, with the provision of a Mobile Eye Clinic Unit through the National Blindness Control Programme in Mysuru district, it will be more convenient for people in rural areas and school students to access screenings. In the coming days, the number of camps will increase.

–Dr. P. C. Kumaraswamy
Mysuru District Health Officer

In the second week of the month, screening will be conducted in Tagadur and Hullahalli in Nanjangud. In the third week, eye camp will take place in Talakad, Mooguru and Bannur in T. Narasipur taluk. In the fourth week, visits will be made to the CHC at Saligrama in K.R. Nagar and Saragur in H.D. Kote.

In the Mobile Eye Clinic Unit vehicle, there is a team of ophthalmologists, eye specialists, District Health Education Officers and nursing staff. All necessary equipment is provided in the vehicle to facilitate examinations. Screening is conducted for various eye-related issues such as eye defects, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, corneal opacity, etc.

Additionally, it collaborates in conducting eye examinations for students and teachers in schools. Awareness is also created through audio, video and poster presentations.

These Mobile Eye Clinic Units are successfully operational in 17 districts including Belagavi, Bengaluru Rural, Kolar, Hassan, Udupi, Tumakuru, Bengaluru Urban, Bidar, Ballari, Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada, Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagalur, Haveri, Koppal, Kalaburagi and Dharwad.

Next year, the services of mobile medical units will be extended to eight more districts including Davangere and Mandya, thus enhancing effective eye screening activities in remote places of both rural and urban regions.

National Blindness Control Programme beneficiaries

- 2022-23: 437 individuals
- 2023 till Jan. 24, 2024: 476 individuals

SCHOOL SCREENINGS

In 2022-23

- Screened: 1,11,974
- Individuals with eye problems: 2,329
- Spectacles provided: 1,972

From 2023 till Jan. 24

- Screened: 1,98,436
- Individuals with eye problems: 4,800
- Spectacles provided: 4,800

SENIOR CITIZENS

In 2022-23

- Individuals with vision impairment: 3,302
- Spectacles provided: 3,200

In 2023-24

- Individuals with vision impairment: 8,792
- Spectacles provided: 7,500

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Feb. 26- **Basavaraju** has been awarded Ph.D in Earth Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Evaluation of Groundwater Quality Studies in Taraka Watershed, H.D. Kote Taluk, Mysuru District, Karnataka, India' submitted under the guidance of Dr. D. Nagaraju.

Yamuna B. Raj has been awarded Ph.D in Journalism and Mass Communication by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Social Media Platforms for Participatory Water Conservation Communication in India: An Evaluation' [Guide: Dr. B.P. Mahesh Chandra Guru].

M.C. Manjunatha has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru for his thesis 'Twin Deficit Problem in India: An Empirical Analysis' [Guide: Dr. G.S. Premakumara].

Hearing aids made affordable for needy

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (MTY&BS)- On the occasion of World Hearing Day, 117 hearing aids were distributed to 97 children and elderly people at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) in the city recently.

AIISH has partnered with Frauscher Sensor Technology India Pvt. Ltd. at Hebbal in city, which sponsored the hearing aids to young children and individuals with hearing impairment. The equipment costing Rs. 29,000 a piece were distributed at Rs. 3,000 each to the beneficiaries.

Inaugurating the programme, Alok Sinha, Country Head - India, Frauscher Group, said: "The children suffering from speech and hearing impairments deserve equal opportunities like any normal children. Hence we took the initiative of sponsoring the equipment. It is the responsibility of all to create a conducive atmosphere for specially-abled children to mingle along with their peers. The manpower should not be restricted for the purpose of gain, but should also be utilised for social service. It is only then, welfare of people is possible. There are several examples of physically disabled people having several achievements to their credit. Likewise, the specially-abled can contribute to the mankind in a better way. The parents hold the responsibility of exploring their capabilities."

AIISH Director Dr. M. Pushpavathi said: "AIISH team is visiting the hospitals in the district to detect hearing defects among the new born infants. Children found impaired are being given hearing aids, as the speech and hearing ability are interdependent. The hearing impairment among kids should be detected at the early stage."

Explaining the benefits of hearing aids, Dr. Pushpavathi said "The machine comes in handy in grasping the sound. Children will develop the ability to hear inter-personal communication and also other sounds including those produced in the nature. However, they won't develop the ability to speak instantly and the onus of training those children regularly to develop speech ability is on their parents. AIISH provides a suitable guidance in this regard."

It is a second such programme, as earlier too we had distributed 40 hearing aids sponsored by Bank of Baroda. If several more organisations join hands, the benefits can reach more number of people, she added.

ICICI Bank has donated Rs. 35 lakh worth vehicle in January to travel to rural areas and identify children suffering from hearing impairment.

Geetha, mother of Tanay from Holenarasipur in Hassan district, who was among the beneficiaries said: "Tanay was one-and-a-half-year old, when he lost hearing ability. He was responding only when we spoke loudly. We came to know of his hearing impairment and came to AIISH after learning about the programme organised to distribute hearing aid. We are overwhelmed with joy that he can hear now."

Dr. N. Devi, Head of the Department (HoD), Audiology and others were present.

Traditional wrestling tournament captivates enthusiasts

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (MK&VNS)- The traditional wrestling tournament organised by Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Garadi Sangha as part of Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Jayanti at Sahukar S. Channaiah Sports Complex at Doddakere Maidan witnessed a sea of wrestling enthusiasts from Mysuru and surrounding districts flocking the venue to watch the breathtaking wrestling bouts with a total 102 wrestlers (51 pairs) both men and women from Mysuru and Mandya vying for supremacy.

Inaugurating the wrestling tournament, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath remembered the contributions of Mysore Wadiyar to traditional wrestling and hailed Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Garadi Sangha for organising the wrestling tournament to encourage young wrestlers. Citing the need for much more encouragement for wrestling, Prof. Lokanath said that the University would ensure to extend its support to the sport.

Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Foundation President Dr. M. Lakshminarayan, Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Garadi Sangha President C. Basavaraju, Vice-President D. Nagendra, General Secretary Yajaman Pailwan S. Mahadev and others were present.

RESULTS

In the women's division, S. Haripriya of Fakir Ahmed Saheb Garadi won against M.N. Unnathi of Mandya Women's Wrestling Association; Sinchana of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Akhada beat M.K. Monika of Mandya Women's Wrestling Association; Chaitanya of Bannur Hattu Janagala Garadi beat Varalakshmi of Mandya Women's Wrestling Association and G.P. Sadhana of Mandya Women's Wrestling Association beat M. Deeksha of DYES Sports Hostel, Mysuru.

In the men's division, Chandu of Melapura Hattu Janagala Garadi beat S. Darshan of Sri Veeranjaneya Garadi of Bogadi; L. Prakash of Sri Veeranjaneya Garadi, Bogadi beat Anup of Naganahalli Hattu Janagala Garadi; N. Mahesh of Sri Veeranjaneya Garadi, Bogadi beat J. Manojkumar of Ittigegud Hattu Janagala Garadi; Channappa of Sri Veeranjaneya Garadi, Bogadi beat K. Yeshwanth of Ramanjaneya Garadi, T. Narasipur; G. Bhyrappa Nayaka of Besthara Kalanna Garadi beat Y. Hemanth Kumar of Sri Veeranjaneya Garadi, Bogadi; Poorvik Gowda of Mandya Zilla Garadi beat Mubarak Pasha of Ghousianagar Hattu Janagala Garadi; S. Vageesh of Fakir Ahmed Saheb Garadi beat Pranav Gowda of Mandya Zilla Garadi.

Kalemane Purandara Tyagaraja Intl. Awards conferred

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Vidu. Veena M. Samaga of Radhakrishna Nritya Niketana, Udupi; Guru Surya Gayathri Devi of Thapasya Entertainments, Kerala and Vidu. Sunitha Sukumaran of Sri Krishna Kalaalaya, Bengaluru, were conferred with the 'Kalemane Purandara Tyagaraja International Awards' during the 34th 'International Nirantara Kalemane Festival' and '3rd Sri Purandaradasa & Sri Thyagaraja Aaradhana Sangeeta Nritya Mahotsava' organised by Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, at Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal, Mysuru, yesterday. They are seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Vidushi Asha Kumar of Shivaganga Nrityalaya, Bengaluru; Dr. U.G. Shenoy, Senior Paediatrician and President, IAP (Indian Academy of Paediatrics), Karnataka-2008; Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor,*** *Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra*; ***Dr. Raju Varadamaistry, retired Project Director, RCH (Reproductive and Child Health), Department of HFWS (Health and Family Welfare Services), Government of Karnataka; Vidu. Arathi Arun of Sri Ganesha Sangeetha Nrityala Charitable Trust, Mysuru and Dr. G. Malathy & Dr. K. Kumar of KPAC. Picture right shows Yuktha, Anand, Rishita and Mantanki performing on the occasion.***

A 'powerful' tribute to actor Puneeth Rajkumar

Hat-trick hero Shivarajkumar lighting the lamp to inaugurate 'Appu Namana' programme organised by Karnataka Power Academy at Kalamandira in city on Saturday as Geetha Shivarajkumar, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Managing Director G. Sheela, Karnataka Power Academy President K. Munigopal Raju and others look on. Picture right shows Sculptor Arun Yogiraj and wife Vijetha being felicitated at the programme.

Mysuru, Feb. 26 (SPN&VNS)- A special programme 'Appu Namana,' a tribute to late actor Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar organised by Karnataka Power Engineers Academy, was held at Kalamandira on Saturday.

The event was inaugurated by actor Dr. Shivarajkumar, elder brother of Puneeth Rajkumar, by offering tributes to the portrait of the late actor.

Later, addressing the gathering, Shivarajkumar remembered how his younger brother had earned a huge place in the hearts of the people, not just in Karnataka, but also across the country.

Adding that Puneeth Rajkumar was one of those actors whose acting is loved by children, adults and elderly citizens, Shivarajkumar said it was because of the affection of people that their family had reached greater heights. "Though, Puneeth Rajkumar is not present physically amidst us, he continues to live in the heart of his fans and loved ones," he said.

Later, Shivarajkumar sang the song 'Baana Daariyalli Surya Jaarihoda, Chandra Mele Banda' from the movie 'Bhagyavantha' originally sung by Puneeth Rajkumar as a child actor and the title song from the movie 'Mylari' featuring himself (Shivarajkumar) and sung by his younger brother.

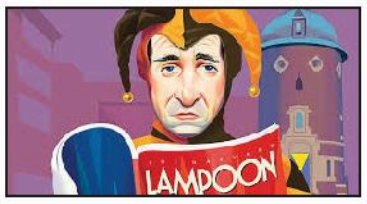
The organisers also felicitated sculptor Arun Yogiraj couple and land owner Ramadas, who had donated the black stone excavated from his land for the idol of *Balak Ram* installed at Ayodhya Ram Mandir.

This was followed by a musical event with singers Harsha, Ashwin Sharma, Divya Raghavan and Divya Ramachandra rendering songs from the films of Puneeth Rajkumar.

Geetha Shivarajkumar, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited Managing Director G. Sheela, Academy President K. Munigopal Raju, Secretary M.H. Jagadeesh and Working President Ramanujam were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Lampoon



Pronunciation: lam-POON.
Meaning: To lampoon someone or something is to ridicule that person or thing, especially through the use of harsh satire.
Origin: Lampoon can be a noun or a verb. The noun lampoon (meaning "satire" or, specifically, "a harsh satire usually directed against an individual") was first used in English in the 17th century and may be familiar from the names of humour publications such as The Harvard Lampoon and its now-defunct spinoff National Lampoon. Both the noun and the verb come from the French word lampon, which likely originated from lampons, a form of the verb lamper, meaning "to drink to the bottom." So what is the connection? Lampons! (meaning "Let us guzzle!"—that is, drink greedily) was a frequent refrain in 17th-century French satirical poems.
Example: "'An exciting element of this to me was the opportunity to completely lampoon entitled Hollywood celebrities. Those celebrities out there who think that acting is the most important vocation in the world and that there's not an interesting conversation unless it's about one of their future projects,' [Jury Duty actor, James] Marsden said with a laugh and without naming names." — Rosy Cordero, Deadline, 20 Apr. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Lacuscular

Of, like or pertaining to pools.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Long in the tooth

Meaning: You use the expression 'Long in the tooth' to indicate that someone is old.
Origin: A horse's teeth grow with age, and the length of the front teeth is often used as an indicator of equine age. Thus 'long in the tooth' equates to old age.
Example: "Fred is getting to be pretty long in the tooth."

QUOTE BOX

Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.— **Mallory Hopkins**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HAND
FIST

Answer: Hand over fist.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Tap gently
4 A habitual drunkard
7 Not domesticated or cultivated
9 In short, a unit of electric current
12 Priam's wife
13 "Or Iam" anagram for a type of tooth?
14 Assumed name
15 Summon with a gesture
17 Kazakh. once
18 Epics, legends
20 Greek letter
21 Cause to spin
22 One much admired
23 Limiting rule?
27 Great splendour
28 Of local origin locally
29 Cent. Tele. Off.
30 West Indies magic
32 Ground Earth Station
35 Local word for potato?
37 Communicate silently
39 Trials or examinations
40 Mistakes
41 Organic compound
42 Stalks
43 Lyricist Gershwin
44 Discern or observe

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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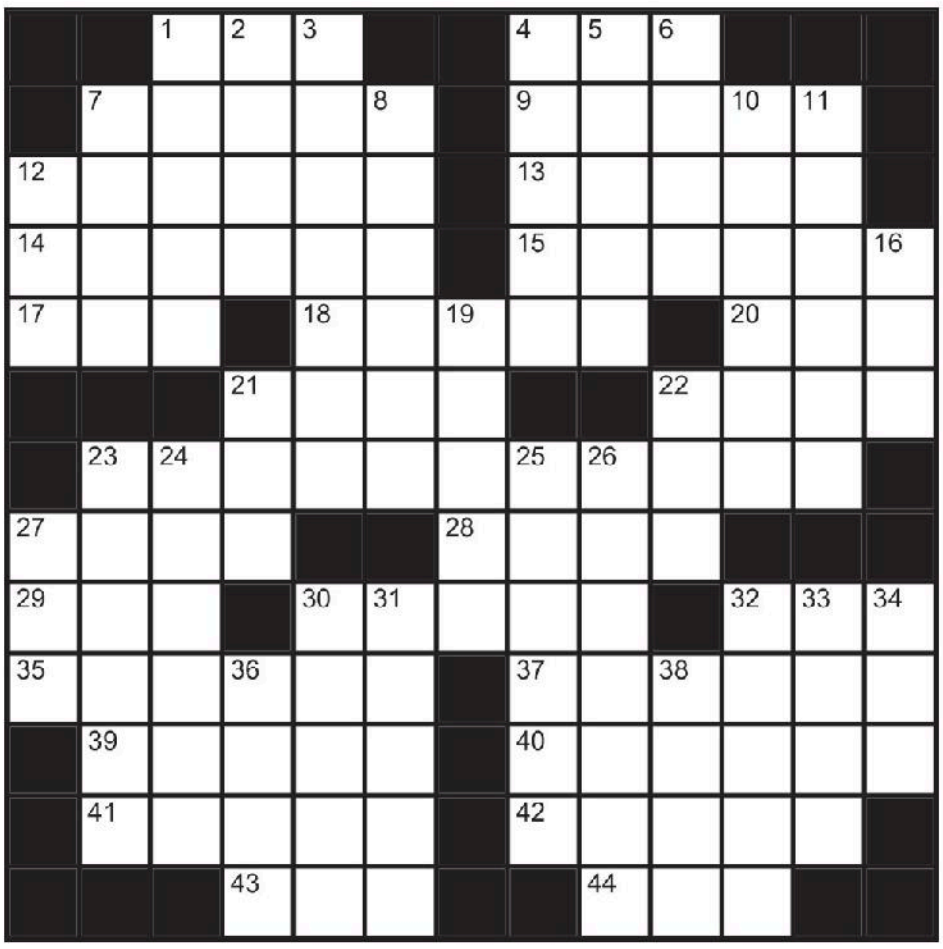
DOWN
1 Furnishing scheme
2 Mr Jaitley of the BJP
3 Mind a child
4 Brazilian dance
5 Reed instruments
6 Perfumed powder
7 Low-lying districts
8 Actress Hedy
10 Manage with limited resources? (4,2)
11 Elementary particle
12 Owns
16 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat ?
19 Move smoothly
21 Mayawati's party
22 Three for the Roman
23 Move round and round
24 Acts poorly
25 Finishes
26 Casual wear items (1-6)
27 Printed Circuit Board, abbr.
30 Aquatic animal
31 Port city in southern Iraq
32 Dwarf or goblin
33 Hearing organs
34 Satellite Landing Sys.
36 Italian wine city
38 Mastery, superiority - "Gere" anagram?



SUDOKU

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			8		7	3		6
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Answer to previous puzzle

9	2	4	7	3	6	8	1	5
1	8	6	9	4	5	2	3	7
5	3	7	8	1	2	9	6	4
8	4	5	2	7	1	3	9	6
6	1	2	3	5	9	7	4	8
3	7	9	6	8	4	1	5	2
2	6	1	5	9	7	4	8	3
4	5	3	1	2	8	6	7	9
7	9	8	4	6	3	5	2	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JREUEJDFU NO DRF HEONO TS REAANQFOO EQY

REAANQFOO DRF OEQJDNTQ TS JREUEJDFU.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than fifty preaching it.

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  Lal Salaam (Ta) - 4 Shows

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Article 370 (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 4.00 pm
	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 7 pm, 10.05 pm
Matsyagandga (K)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-1)	7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.25 am
For REGN (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 4.05 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Shakhahari (K)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am, 4.30 pm
Mr. Natwarlal (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Crakk: Jeetega... Toh Jiyegaa (H)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 10.00 pm

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Crakk - Jeetegaa Toh Jiyegaa (H)	:	10.35 am, 1.35 pm, 4.40 pm 7.40 pm, 9.30 pm
For Regn. (K)	:	10.35 am, 4.05 pm
Matsyagandha (K)	:	11.00 am, 6.40 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	1.15 pm
Kappu Bilupina Naduve (K)	:	1.35 pm
Mr. Natwarlal (K)	:	4.10 pm
Shakhahaari (K)	:	6.45 pm
Siddharth Roy (Te)	:	9.15 pm

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Crakk: Jeetegaa Toh Jiyegaa (H)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.50 pm 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.00 am, 6.25 pm
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	11.35 am, 4.25 pm
Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	11.35 am, 6.35 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	12.05 pm
All India Rank (H)	:	1.00 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.45 pm
Varanam Aayiram (Ta)	:	3.15 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	3.20 pm, 9.15 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	7.05 pm
Matsyagandha (K)	:	9.30 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
Fighter (H)	:	10.15 pm

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Crakk: Jeetegaa Toh Jiyegaa (H)	:	11.40 am, 3.30 pm, 6.20, 10.10 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	12 noon
Article 370 (H)	:	12.10 pm, 3 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Sundaram Master (Te)	:	3.10 pm
For Regn. (K)	:	3.15 pm
Bramayugam (Te)	:	6.15 pm
KTM (K)	:	6.15 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	9.15 pm
Pretha (K)	:	9.30 pm

Vid. Kunnakudi M. Balamuralikrishna performs at Suttur Mutt in city

Vid. Kunnakudi M. Balamuralikrishna presenting a vocal concert at Suttur Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city on Feb. 24 as part of the Mutt's Monthly Moonlight Music-264. He is accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata and Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 26)

- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC):** 35th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival and Padma Vibhushan Rukmini Devi Arundale's 120th birth anniversary celebrations, conferring of 'Kalemane Kalashree International Award' will be presented to Vidushi Smriti Ramesh Kaushik, Founder & Director, Vismaya School of Learning, Mysuru and Shilpa Abhiram, Founder & Director, Ekatvam Kala Shaale, Bengaluru; Chief guests are T. Murali Krishnappa, President, Jnana Butti Satsanga Kendra, Tumakuru, Dr. N.R. Chandregowda, Assistant Professor in Kannada, KSOU, Mysuru and Gurudutt Kulkarni, Managing Director, Space Media Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru; Performers are Karnataka Kalashree Dr. K. Kumar of Kumar Performing Arts Centre and his disciples; Performance and lecture on 'Rukmini Devi Arundale' by Vidu. Smriti Ramesh Kaushik; Shilpa Abhiram, Founder & Director, Ekatvam Kala Shaale, Bengaluru; Disciples of Vidushi Dr. Sparsha Shenoy, Founder & Director, Kalaasparsha Performing Centre, Mysuru, disciples of Vidushi Sunitha Nandkumar, Founder & Director, Chidambaranatesha Natya Shaale, Mysuru & Mandya; Disciples of Vidushi K.S. Shyla, Sri Nandikeshwara Bharatanatya Kalashale, Mandya & Maddur, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **2.30 pm.**
- **Nammooru Nammoru Samsthe:** 'Dhanyavaada Dhanvantari,' felicitation to former Jayadeva Hospital Director Dr. C.N. Manjunath, who retired recently from service and Anasuya Manjunath couple; Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion, Public TV Head H.R. Ranganath chief guest, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**
- **GPIER:** Staging of play 'Manteswamy Katha Prasanga,' written by H.S. Shivaprakash, directed by former Rangayana artiste Mime Ramesh; Releasing of poster of National Theatre Fest by senior theatre artiste C. Basavalingaiah and folk artiste Dr. Mysore Gururaj, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 27)

- **Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES):** Selection trials for Mysuru District Sports School for boys and girls (athletics and gymnastics only) for the year 2024-25, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **9 am.** [Ph: 0821-2564179 or Mob: 94491-75644 or 94493-00330]
- **Coffee City:** 'Twilight Whispers of Hampi - Photography Exhibition' by Shivashankar Banagar, Neralu-Belaku Gallery, Coffee City, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Jwalamukhi Tripurasundari Temple, Uttanahalli:** Jathra Mahotsava, various rituals, Prasada Viniyoga, **12.30 pm.**

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Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-2)	11.15 am, 6.20 pm
For REGN (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Pretha (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Vinnaithaandi Varuvaaya (Ta)	(S-2)	3.05 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-4)	10.30 pm
Crakk: Jeetega... Toh Jiyegaa (H)	(S-3)	12 noon, 3.20 pm 6.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-1)	11 am, 2.20 pm 5.40 pm, 9.00

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Mr. Natwarlal (K)	:	7.40 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

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WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH (FEB. 26)

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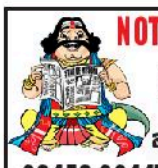

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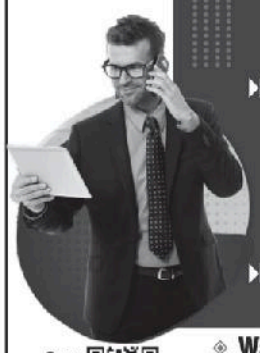

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